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SUBJECT : BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION MUHAMMAD SALAH
AL-DIN HAMID

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1. NEW EGYPTIAN FINANCE MINISTER, MUHAMMAD SALAH AL-DIN HAMID DEPARTED ABU DHABI FOR CAIRO ON 11 NOVEMBER 1976. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN SHORTLY TO BID HIS OFFICIAL FAREWELLS. DR. HAMID SERVED AS AN EXPERT WITH THE ABU DHABI FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR TWO YEARS. DURING HIS TENURE IN ABU DHABI HE MAINTAINED A LOW PROFILE AND WHATEVER INFLUENCE HE EXERTED OVER FUND AFFAIRS HE DID BEHIND THE SCENES, SHUNNING THE LIMELIGHT. HE WAS NOT ACTIVE SOCIALLY BUT MAINTAINED A SMALL CIRCLE OF CLOSE FRIENDS.

2. DR. HAMID WAS CONSIDERED A MAN OF INTEGRITY AND VERY CAPABLE. IT IS BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT DR. HAMID, A QUIET AND HUMBLE MAN, MAY HAVE FELT SOMEWHAT STYMIED IN ACHIEVING IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY SUGGESTIONS PUT FORTH IN HIS ADVISORY ROLE. ACCORDING TO AN EGYPTIAN ECONOMIST AT ADNOC AND A TUNISIAN ECONOMIST IN THE ABU DHABI DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, DR. HAMID APPEARED AS IF HE IN ABU DHABI ON HIS LAST ACTIVE JOB PRIOR TO RETIREMENT. ACCORDING LATTER SOURCES, HE DID NOT
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